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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON AMBASSADOR CRESENCIO ARCOS AND
DAS DAN FISK VISIT AND TPS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

1. Editorial in Tegucigalpa-based liberal daily "La Tribuna" on 9/11, entitled "Optimism for TPS." "Cresencio Arcos, Director of International Affairs for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Dan Fisk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, visited Tegucigalpa to participate in a forum analyzing the benefits of CAFTA."

"However, the most auspicious news given by Arcos during his visit was about the issue of our immigrants in the U.S. He said that there are good possibilities that the U.S. will extend TPS once more, although he said the final decision will depend on the results of the electoral process in the U.S."

"For us, even though an extension is much better than nothing at all, it's more important to achieve a permanent and definite solution for our immigrants, to relieve them from the constant distress of not knowing what will happen to them every time their TPS expires. If the Maduro administration achieves that, it'll definitely be a great hit."

Palmer